





TUESDAY JULY 16 1878

## THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY

His Portrait Drawn by a Frenchman—  
The Two Visits to Paris—The King and the  
Emperor—An Audience at Berlin—  
A Man Who Grows Old  
Slowly, Without  
Hearing

Many of us have preserved a recollection of the remarkable vision presented on the occasion of his visit to Paris after the Czar Alexander and the King of Prussia with the Emperor Napoleon and the Empress Eugenie. The Empress was seated on the side of the pink, opened wide. The Empress appeared on the arm of Alexander II, at her feet was King William. She was howling with her fingers at the different points of one of the most awful horrors ever seen by man. Napoleon III was at another window between Bismarck Von Moltke and Goetz von Bismarck. The two Russian Grand Dukes took their places behind the Empress and William. It is known that during these days he occupied the first place to his nephew the Czar. But it is for you to give your sum up to the Empress you are the ideal of Alexander to William. No no replied the latter with a smile I am only a king you are an emperor and William concealed himself behind the Emperor of Russia who is great enough to permit him to do so.

The act followed with an absent mind and dreamy look the indications of the Empress while the King seemed to quiesce on her. There were 1000 of us watching with bated breath the progress of the Emperor at which the princes were looking pale at the grand audience. It was an immense audience during the spectators in the gallery.

The silhouette of the Empress graceful and slender was framed by these kings of and gib statue. This was, I imagine, the culminating point of her good fortune though the future seemed to her brilliant as the noon. At that moment the Empire had only three years to live.

In 1870 the inhabitants of Versailles again their visitor of 1867. Almost every day he rode by on horseback or in carriage on la place d'armes enveloped a long gray cloak and with a flat military cap well down on his head. After some few Frenchmen saw the emperor of Germany draw near "Look at the Champs Elysees. Tall, straight and unbending under his helmet, preceded by some steps his son and ardent von Moltke. He stopped his horse at Sadowa a dark bay before the obelisk of Luxor. This was the limit indicated by the treaty. For a certainty I did not see the Emperor William on that day gone so squarely at the danger of this man, as I did last year on the subject Bismarck and von Moltke. I have not failed to recall here these two different acts, 1870 and 1870. They have passed from me like two regiments, the blunted wings of the one and the broken wings of the other have passed away, like the leaves. I do not dread the remainder of them. I have been reproached with a certain part of my safety. I answer, full view of the Universal Exposition here France appears so beautiful we vanquished more than all, by God, to fight against us. He who reads these days will see the great divine coming in a Homeric battle. Certainly a generation has been attacked by the Emperor of Germany. But our generation not France. She is raising her head higher hour by hour and already she is at the three other great nations Europe says of her. She is the greatest nation after me.

An audience of the emperor in his cab on the grand floor of the palace at Versailles, no other royal audience the Emperor is clad in his long military coat with its two rows of buttons is marvelously neat very straight rather stiff. One understands in looking at him that expression, "Un soldat au commandement". His contour is well preserved. His body is well made. His arms are powerful. His extremities indicate an old and good rice. His face, more than severe with his beard cut in man fashion is well known. The le which plays on his face is at times young. When this tall old man talks to the women who during the summer months form his court at home he is as old as the seventeenth century. The Emperor has the beautiful blue eyes of Frederick the Great. But however large his eyes they have not the extraordinary dimensions of the eyes of Frederick. The scintillations formerly bright to day ashen are parted low on the crossbar but not covering the crown of his head. William seems to me to perfectly fit the type of an emperor of the olden time—large strong hand and soldier. The faces of Alexander and Francis Joseph are those of modern emperors. The grace of William has a fine slowness. It is the look of a man who has the consciousness of majesty. His eyes are well known in his divine life. His tufted eyebrows form a fine line. His eyes have not the vague mysteriousness of those of Alexander, nor the terrible melancholy of those of Francis Joseph. However I prefer the expression of these last three to that of the Emperor William. They have more personal charm.

Muskegon, Michigan, is becoming a great lumber center. The lumber factor of that place says there are 28 saw mills within a radius of six miles of the town which cut 375,000,000 feet of lumber in 1876. The cut this year is not, however, expected to run over 105,000,000 feet, the logs not having been secured. In White Lake Muskegon county where it was expected 90,000,000 feet of logs would be put in, returns show only 40,000,000. The short stock will undoubtedly make lumber dealers very busy in maintaining their prices.

The gross earnings of the Illinois Central railroad for 1876 amounted to \$6,639,000,000 in 1876 and \$8,450,000,000 in 1877. The working expenses were \$7,925,000,000 in 1876 and \$8,343,000,000 in 1877. The net earnings last year \$3,317,400 against \$3,326 in 1876 and \$3,299,500 in 1877. With a decrease of 6.2 per cent in the gross earnings the net earnings were 1.8 per cent greater than in 1876. The gross earnings of the Illinois Central railroad for 1877 were about 33 per cent less than in 1876.

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